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CATAWBA COUNTY TO CONDUCT THOROUGH CLEANING AND SANITATION OF ANIMAL SHELTER, OFFER HALF-PRICE ADOPTIONS

Catawba County Animal Services staff will conduct a thorough cleaning and sanitation of the Animal Shelter between October 10 and 13, 2011. The County is continuing a routine of sanitizing the shelter twice each year, as part of efforts to prevent a repeat of an outbreak of disease such as occurred in the fall of 2010. There is no outbreak currently occurring at the shelter. The shelter was cleaned and sanitized from May 16-19, 2011.

“The sanitizing of the shelter is a part of our preventative measures,” said Jay Blatche, Animal Services Manager. “It is conducted bi-annually in an effort to prevent the spread of disease or any future disease outbreaks.”

“While the Catawba County Animal Shelter has taken many precautions and extensively reviewed with staff and volunteers rules for effective cleaning and disinfecting, it is of utmost importance that further action be taken periodically,” said Dr. Kim Mitchell, Animal Services’ Contract Veterinarian. “Cleaning and disinfecting ventilation systems and repainting porous surfaces twice a year will greatly reduce the spread of disease. It is our goal to provide the healthiest environment possible for the large number of animals in our shelter.”

This routine and thorough process will encompass all areas and surfaces of the shelter, including the heating and air system. All animals that are in the Shelter at the time the cleaning begins will be moved to portable kenneling outside.

From October 10 through October 13, 2011, the public will not be allowed into the Animal Shelter building. Tents will be erected in the shelter’s parking area to house adoptable animals. There will also be additional tents set-up in the fenced in area for incoming animals. During the sanitation period, all attempts will be made to continue normal operations at the shelter. The shelter building will reopen at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2011.

In an effort to minimize the number of animals that will have to be housed outside in tents while the shelter is being sanitized, Catawba County is offering half-price adoptions from October 6 through October 12, 2011. Adoption fees will be \$25, instead of \$50, for cats, and \$37.50, instead of \$75, for dogs from October 6-12, 2011.

To see currently available animals, you may visit the Catawba County Animal Shelter at 100-C Southwest Blvd, in Newton, which is beside and behind the Catawba County Sheriff’s Office off Highway 321 Business, or go online to <http://esweb.catawbacountync.gov/AdoptAnimal>. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Animal Services at (828) 465-8228 or JBlatche@catawbacountync.gov.

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